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COUNTRY <u>Czechoslovakia</u>	REPORT	
TOPIC <u>1. Troops and Military Installations in Novy Jicin</u>		
<u>2. Czech Troop Train near Breclav</u>		
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1. Prior to late July 1953, Czech troops wearing red epaulets were observed in the Priborske Kasarny, formerly called Freiburger Kaserne, northeast of Novy Jicin (P 50/O 46) on the northeast side of the road to Pribor (Freiburg P 50/O 46). 25X1
25X1 three units of about 60 men, with light infantry weapons, leaving the barracks area, which was rather small, for the wooded area halfway between Novy Jicin and Libhost (P 50/O 46). About 10 four-wheeled Tatra trucks of a model similar to the Tatra 111 truck frequently were in the barracks yard. No horses or animal-drawn vehicles were observed. 25X1 the men in the billets outnumbered the units which marched out of the installation. 1
2. Prior to the summer of 1953, soldiers wearing red epaulets who seemed to have no heavy weapons also were in the building of the former correction house on the western perimeter of the city, near the stadium. They frequently practiced in the area toward Skalka Forest, west of Novy Jicin. Most of them carried rifles. Some had submachine guns. 25X1 several units of company size. 1
3. Numerous residents of the city said that the former lower-grade secondary school for girls in the southwestern sector of the city, opposite the castle which was used a museum, was occupied for a fairly long period of time by an NCO school of 250 to 300 men. They carried only light infantry weapons, wore standard army uniforms with red epaulets and had V-shaped red insignia pointing downwards on the sleeves of their blouses. Some soldiers wore one and others wore two of these chevrons. NCO candidates leaving the installation off duty had flat caps as worn by officers. 25X1
4. In July 1953, 25X1 five or six old looking tanks of unknown model at the tank repair shop directly east of the railroad station of Senov (Schoenau P 50/C 36), which was known to most residents in Novy Jicin. 25X1
25X1 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia at this installation, but never saw whole units at the repair shop which had a short spur track to the railroad station of Senov. Source recollected four single-story buildings with almost flat roofs in the shop area, which was surrounded by a wall. 1

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5. [REDACTED] part of the former Tonak hat factory on the northeastern perimeter of the city and the south side of the road to Friber was requisitioned for military purposes. In the fall of 1952, he once observed an incoming shipment of 20 to 30 factory-new Jawa 250 motorcycles and, in the summer of 1953, he saw about 30 factory-new, black, [REDACTED] Tatra Plan sedans in the courtyard of the factory area whose gate was open and which was guarded by a sentry with a fixed bayonet. 1 25X1
6. [REDACTED] 25X1
- Those eligible of the 1930 and 1931 classes and about 30 percent of the 1932 class were inducted about four weeks after this registration. On 29 March 1953, [REDACTED] 100 eligible men of the 1931 through 1933 classes had to register again. At this registration most men belonged to the 1933 class. By a print stamped on their registration certificates all eligible men of the 1931 and 1932 classes and individual members of the 1933 class were bound immediately to report every change of address. No men were inducted prior to 28 July 1953. In June 1953, about 75 percent of the men registered in March attended a meeting in the building of the local national committee. They were told that they would probably be inducted on 1 November 1953. 2 25X1
7. [REDACTED] all men registered were bound to report to the Svazarm organization for premilitary training. Individuals not subject to the draft were admitted to the organization as volunteers. About 50 members, including about five girls, of the work force [REDACTED] belonged to the Svazarm, but only about 20 individuals usually attended the training, which was fairly intensive and was held once a week from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Every member of the Svazarm received an old German rifle for training purposes. In June 1953, the Svazarm group of the Autopal plant held record practices with rifles at the military range in the woods south of the railroad station of Hodslavice (P 50/C 45). Record practices with popguns³ were also held frequently. 25X1
8. At 3:30 p.m. on 3 October 1953, [REDACTED] a Czech troop train of 12 boxcars, 4 flatcars with 4 tanks, 3 flatcars with 2 trucks and 2 cars with enlisted men, which traveled toward Prerov (P 50/C 03). 25X1
1. [REDACTED] Comment. Prior to the fall of 1950, the 7th Independent Inf Brig was stationed at Novy Jicin. After the reorganization of the unit into the 7th Inf Div, the headquarters moved to Opava. The troops observed which cannot definitely be identified as the infantry regiments of this division are carried in other posts, possibly are elements of the 8th Inf Regt from Mistek. The tank repair shop is reported for the first time. 25X1
2. [REDACTED] Comment. The present report agrees with other information on inductions in Czechoslovakia. The majority of the members of the 1929 and 1930 classes and essential elements of the 1932 and 1933 classes were due to be inducted in the fall of 1953. 25X1
3. [REDACTED] Comment. Possibly a reference to sub-machine guns. 25X1

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